



Who We Are

An inquiry into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human.

2nd planner

Central Idea:

Citizenship impacts communities

Lines of Inquiry:

- Attributes of citizenship
- Community responsibilities
- Personal beliefs effecting choices

Where We Are In Time and Place

An inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives.

5th planner

Central Idea:

Peoples' surroundings influence their culture

Lines of Inquiry:

- History of cultural traditions
- Environmental influences
- Influence of personal beliefs and attitudes

How We Express Ourselves

An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values; the ways in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity; our appreciation of the aesthetic.

1st planner

Central Idea:

People express themselves in many ways

Lines of Inquiry:

- Forms of expression
- Types of structure
- Influence on expression
- Personal connection

How the World Works

An inquiry into the natural world and its laws; the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.

3rd planner

Central Idea:

Systems have related parts that work together

Lines of Inquiry:

- Parts of systems
- Relationships in systems
- Varieties of systems

How We Organize Ourselves

An inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; the structure and function of organizations; societal decision-making; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment.

6th planner

Central Idea:

Interdependence exists among consumers and producers

Lines of Inquiry:

- The relationship between consumers, producers and the environment
- Connection between work, personality and aptitude
- Organizing a business

How We Share the Planet

An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.

4th planner

Central Idea:

Ecosystems depend on the balance of organisms and their environment

Lines of Inquiry:

- Changing ecosystems
- Impacts on ecosystems
- Mutually supportive components